case will be brought in when the question could have been asked direct.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—When the prisoner under the Ayurvedic treatment was released did he satisfy all the conditions ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not Shekannan's name specifically mentioned in (b) ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So you could have anticipated.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Opinions differ.

Medical examination of the Peons and Constables.

127. Mr. Paul Mampilli. — Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether the peons and constables are not bound to undergo medical examination and produce a certificate of fitness before they are confirmed in Government service;

(2) if so, which medical officers are authorised to examine them and issue such certificates ;

(3) whether such medical officers can levy or receive any fees for issuing the certificates;

(4) whether such medical officers have received any fees in 1109 for issuing such certificates?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—

(1) Yes.

(2) All medical officers of and above the rank of an Assistant Surgeon.

(3) No.

(4) Government have no information.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government enquired about the matter ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the result of the enquiry ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They said that they have not received any fees.

E. N. T. Section in the General Hospital.

128. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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(a) whether Mr. P. Madhava Menon, Honorary Assistant Surgeon doing duty in the General Hospital has been given special charge of E. N. T. section with the equipment available there;

(b) was not such an arrangement contemplated in Diwan's Order, Dis. 15798/09, dated 30th July 1934;

(c) if not given as contemplated in the order of appointment, what is the reason?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

(a) There is no separate E. N. T. section at present in the General Hospital so that it may be handed over to Mr. Madhava Menon.

(b) As per Diwan's Proceedings, Dis. No. 15798/09, dated 30th July 1934, he is allowed to do Ear, Nose and Throat work with the equipment now available in the Hospital.

(c) No separate accommodation is available for starting that department.

Accused parties—letting off on bail.

129. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether there is any law in Cochin which compels judicial officers to let off accused parties, appearing before them under Summons, only after taking bail from them invariably and without any discretion vested in such officers to let off the said parties relying their subsequent appearances on their honour alone;

(b) which the Law mentioned in (a) is;

(c) the number of times our Courts have exercised the discretionary power mentioned in (a) during the last one year?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(a) and (b). Chapter XXVIII of the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code contains the provisions under which a Court may let off accused parties appearing before it (under summons or otherwise) or are brought before it. Such parties may be either enlarged on bail or discharged on their executing bonds for appearance without sureties, at the discretion of the Courts. It is not necessary that Courts should take bail in all cases. The provisions contained in the Chapter clearly lay down the procedure to be adopted. (Vide particularly sections 396, 397, 398 and 399 of the Criminal Procedure Code).

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